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FOR: 2'-SUBSTITUTED NUCLEOSIDES AND OLIGONUCLEOTIDE
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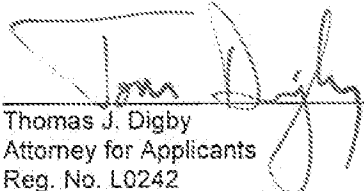
The Office Action of October 3, 2007 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on November 3, 2007. A five-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$2160 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.

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